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## EMT-I CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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### AUTHORITY

California Administrative Code, Title 22, Division 9, Article 5, Section 100080.

### PURPOSE

To define requirements for continuing education for certified Emergency Medical Technicians-I (EMT-Is) in the Counties of San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono.

### POLICY

To maintain certification, an EMT-I shall:

1. Obtain at least twenty-four hours' continuing education hours (CEH) from an approved continuing education provider *or*
2. Successfully complete a twenty-four hour refresher course from an approved EMT-I training program.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. Continuing education hours may be earned in the following manner:
  - a. Any of the topics contained in the respective National Standard Curricula for training EMS personnel;
  - b. Classroom, didactic and/or skills laboratory with direct instructor interaction;
  - c. Organized field care audits of patient care records;
  - d. Courses offered by accredited universities and colleges, including junior and community colleges;
  - e. Structured clinical experience, with instructional objectives, to review or expand the clinical expertise of the individual;
  - f. Media based and/or serial productions (e.g. films, videos, audiotape programs, magazine articles offered for CE credit, home study, computer simulations or interactive computer modules);
  - g. Precepting EMS students or EMS personnel as a hospital clinical preceptor, as assigned by the EMS training program, EMS service provider, hospital or base hospital;
  - h. Advanced topics in subject matter outside the scope of practice of the certified or licensed EMS personnel but directly relevant to emergency medical care;
  - i. An instructor for a CE course, class or activity will earn credit equal to the same number of CE hours applied to the course, class or activity.
2. At least fifty percent of the required CE hours must be in an instructor-based format, where an instructor is readily available to the student to answer questions, provide feedback, (e.g., on-line CE course where an instructor is available to the student). The CE provider approving authority shall determine whether a CE course, class or activity is instructor based.
3. Credit may be given for taking the same CE course, class or activity no more than two times during a single certification cycle.
4. An individual shall provide proof of approved continuing education hours obtained to the local EMS agency upon request and at the time of application.
5. An individual who is currently licensed in California as a Paramedic or certified as an EMT-II or who has been certified within (6) six months of the date of application may be given credit for continuing education hours earned as a Paramedic or EMT-II to satisfy the continuing education requirement for EMT-I recertification
6. Continuing education may be obtained at any time throughout the current certification period.